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In re Application of
Dominique Briere et al.

Serial No: Unknown
(entry into National Stage based on PCT/FR/00576 filed April 16, 1996)

Filed: October 17, 1997

For: DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING CONTAINERS MADE OF A THERMOPLASTIC
BY BLOW MOLDING OR STRETCH-BLOW MOLDING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of documents for purposes of entering the National Stage in the U.S. based on PCT/FR/00576, filed April 16, 1996. Prior to calculation of the government filing fee and examination, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 5, 8 and 11-13 as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "claims 4 and 7" and insert --claim 4--.

Claim 11, lines 1-2, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 12, lines 1-2, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 13, lines 1-2, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.